Production of silk by CSB on contact

†1643. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Silk Board propose to start contract farming to boost up sowing of popular types of silk on the pattern of multinational companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the places of various States, particularly Andhra Pradesh where this farming is likely to be undertaken;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the silk manufactures are protesting against the contract farming of silk; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Central Silk Board has no commercial operations but it would encourage strengthening of linkages between producers and the indsutry in line with the National Textile Policy, 2000, and in this regard facilitate corporates or large reelers in contract farming so as to help farmers to get remunerative and stable prices.

(b) So far, there is no information about any large unit having entered into any contract farming arrangements with farmers.

(c) Does not arise.

Export of textiles goods

1644. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of exports of textiles;

(b) the foreign exchange earned by exporting textiles during the last three years;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) what is the effect of WTO's policy of removing quantitative restriction on our export and on our industry as a whole; and

(d) whether opening up of import of textile goods from other countries has created difficulty for our industry, and if so, what is extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) As per the latest available DGCIS export data, the textile exports during the period April-July, 2002 have amounted to US$ 3,846.0 million, marketing a growth of nearly 6.7% over the exports during the same period of 2001.

(b) The value of textile exports from the country the last three years are given below:—

Year	Value (in US$ Million)
1999-2000	10508.6
2000-2001	12037.6
2001-2002	10715.0

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta.

(c) and (d) The liberalised trading regime would result in increased international trade in textiles thus providing greater export opportunities; and at the same time expose the domestic industry to imports of textiles have shown an increase. However, the total imports are not even one percent of the annual domestic production of textiles in the country. The imports, thus, are not having any significant adverse impact on the domestic industry.

Modify the Jute Manufacturing Packaging Order

1645. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has modified the manufacturing jute packaging order;

(b) if so, the comparative details arising out of the original order as well as the modification;